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It is a matter for congratulation that this great mine is to begin operations so soon. Everything has been arranged for. There is ample money in the Imperial Bank here to carry on the work. Mr. O. B. Robinson, the resident manager, leaves tomorrow morning and will at once place a gang of men to work on the mine. The state of affairs is this. The Canadian Mines Development Company, Limited, has taken hold of the Foley mine and have provided nearly a quarter of a million to place it on its feet. The money will be spent entirely in development work. If the mine turns out well it will mean that English capital will be very free to enter into the development of this country, but if not we need not look for more funds from that source. We who live in this country have no apprehension on the score of the mine turning out badly. We know that all the mine needs is sufficient development work to make the ore bodies available when it will work its own salvation. Mr. Robinson will start the compressor plant and do some sinking in No. 5 shaft which is at present 100 feet deep. The intention is to crosscut and open up the Lucky Joe and Daisy veins. It is quite a difficult matter to begin operations in the winter, and work for a time must necessarily be slow. However, the operations will be all done with a view to permanency and they will have the effect of making the mine a most valuable one. There will be no move to start the mill for some considerable time until everything is ready.

The directors of the Canadian Mines

put in and a large portion of the quartz showed visible gold.

"The main shaft has been sunk to a vertical depth of 400 feet on the Bonanza vein, which I found varying in width from a few inches up to 8 feet; in many places, however, a good stopping width of 3 to 5 feet is obtainable. This vein is so well defined that if a proper system of mining is adopted, it can be broken down, whatever its width may be, quite clear from the enclosing country rock. Unfortunately, up to the time of my inspection, such a system of mining had not been vigorously carried out, and as a consequence a large quantity of barren rock was frequently mixed up with the gold bearing quartz, and thus largely decreased its average milling grade. No attempt has hitherto been made to bring up the grade of the ore by sorting tables before putting it through the mill; in spite of this, however, according to the mill returns made to the government, I find that the average milling grade, exclusive of concentrates, have given the very satisfactory average of 10 dwts. of pure gold to the ton or say the value of about £2 sterling. This is quite equal to the average of Witwatersrand gold mines, whilst the economic conditions are in many respects superior. This average of 10 dwts. is based on the actual crushings of several thousand tons in a first-class 20-stamp mill fitted with vanners and every modern appliance. From the mill records the following values are obtained per U. S. A. Government mint certificates: 2,500 tons, Bonanza vein, bullion value, \$23,294.21, or at the rate of \$10.52 per ton; 150 tons, No. 5 shaft, bullion value, \$2,633.37, or \$17.54 per ton; 20 tons, Lucky Joe shaft, bullion value \$330, or at the rate of \$16.50 per ton.

"From my own careful sampling of the mine, which has been checked by two other well known mining engineers, I am strongly of the opinion that under fair mining conditions, both underground and on the surface, such as all good mines in the Witwatersrand are accustomed to, the average grade of the milling rock at the Foley mine should be worked so as to give between 15 and 20 dwts. of gold to the ton, i.e., a value of say from £3 to £1 sterling.

"As I have already stated, the economic conditions are satisfactory, and consequently produce a low cost per ton of working, which varies according to the scale upon which mining and milling operations are conducted, between 15s and 25s. per ton. The actual cost at the Foley with a 20-head stamp mill is about 20s. per ton. From this it will be seen that under fair conditions there is a margin of profit, varying according to whether the grade of ore is 10 dwts. or 20 dwts., of from £1 to £3 per ton, and I consider that an average of £2 per ton net profit may be reasonably expected."

## THE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting on Monday  
Evening Last.

OFFICIALS APPOINTED FOR 1900.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS GONE  
THROUGH WITH IN A SHORT  
SPACE OF TIME.

The regular meeting of the town council took place on Monday night. The new council has started out on the right line and is able to dispose of a large amount of business in a short space of time.

Communications were received from P. H. Austin, T. R. Ferguson, Lee B. G. J. K. Brydon, L. E. Ross, J. E. Schweitzer, Wm. Wicken, A. Woods, D. A. Pendon, R. Thompson, J. W. Dealey, Wm. McCarthy, C. W. Boley, J. M. Evans, H. Marshall, H. Ross, Geo. Faulkner and others.

The fire, water and light committee submitted their report and as follows: We would recommend that 2 electric bells be placed in houses of firemen as directed by chief of the fire brigade; that 2 hydraulic jacks, 1 spray nozzle, 1 fire extinguisher and 1 fire bucket be purchased for the depot; that the following accounts be paid: Electric Co., street lighting, \$163.00; J. Alexander, fireman, \$1; Wm. Flowers, fireman, \$1; J. W. Waseley, fireman, \$1; News Pub. Co., \$3.75; Mrs. Jas. Weidman, \$12.00; that a bylaw be introduced appointing S. Garnett chimney sweep with proper safeguards; that M. Nichols's appointment as chief of fire brigade be confirmed by council.

The finance committee reports as follows, recommending the payment of accounts as under:

Debridge Bros.	\$ 17 75
Kershaw Transfer Co.	1 00
Wm. Greenwood	40 00
J. W. Pickett	18 25
E. A. Babin & Co.	10 00
E. J. ApJohn	20 00
W. Glary	1 00
Jacob Hose	12 00
Wm. Garrison	101 25
Royal Jubilee Hospital	30 00
News Pub. Co.	53 50

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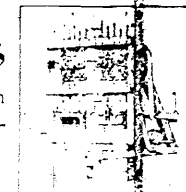
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The directors of the Canadian Mines Development Co., Limited are: The Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Thornton, G. C. B., chairman; Oscar Andrae Esq. Sr.; The Hon. Geo. E. Hill Trevor, director of the Glyn Slate Quarries, Ltd., Augustus C. E. Hill, all of London, Eng., and The Hon. Lyman Melvin Jones, Toronto, and Edmund Bristol Toronto, Wm. M. Strong, M. P., is the consulting engineer in Canada.

The mine is now equipped with a 20-stamp mill with appliances, a 12 Canadian Rand Drill power plant with hoisting gear and plant, buildings, tramroads and general appliances for active operation.

The following from the report of Mr. Edgar P. Rathbone, late inspector of mines to the Transvaal government, will be of interest:

"The Policy has now been working for a sufficient period of time to prove it an industrial and economic success. There are some 8 or 10 veins all of a true fissure nature, striking boldly through the country rock in a well defined manner in a northerly and southerly direction, and dipping slightly to the east through the granite, which largely constitutes the geologic structure of this part of the country. Only one of these veins, the Bonanza, has thus far been worked upon, but there are several parallel veins which should be developed at once. One of them in particular, the Lucky Joe, has developed remarkably rich ore at the time of my visit I had one or two shots

of work, which varies according to the grade upon which mining and milling operations are conducted, between 15s. and 25s. per ton. The actual cost at the Policy with a 20-head stamp mill is about 20s. per ton. From this it will be seen that under fair conditions there is a margin of profit varying according to whether the grade of ore is 10 dwts. or 20 dwts., of from £1 to £3 per ton, and I consider that an average of £2 per ton net profit may be reasonably expected."

The conclusion of the report is as follows:

"After visiting practically all the gold mining regions in the Dominion of Canada, I came to the conclusion that the Policy mine might certainly be classed among the first of the most successful, whilst it possesses the additional advantage over most of the British Columbia mines, that its gold is in a free condition, and does not require any costly smelting operations, and is thus of a precisely similar nature to the celebrated mines of the Witwatersrand."

### SCRAMBLE DEAL CLOSED

This Fine Mine Taken over by an English Syndicate.

We learn upon reliable authority that the Scramble deal is closed. The property has been taken over by English promoters who will spend £10,000 in the exploitation of the property before any attempt is made to float it. The program is to open out the ore bodies thoroughly, demonstrate the amount and quality of the ore in sight, as far as the sum mentioned will allow and give the mine all the show that an economical and scientific management can give. It is confidently expected by mining men in this section that this mine under such management and with such an outlay judiciously spent should make a remarkably fine showing and when it comes to the flotation of the stock on the London market will no doubt command a considerable amount above par.

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Jacob Hose	12 00
Wm. Garson	101 25
Royal Jubilee Hospital	30 00
News Pub. Co.	63 50
Pay roll of J.E. Schwartz	436 80
Scott & Hudson	35 05
J.H. Oremus	35 30
R.P. Lumber Co.	10 85
C.P.R. freight	22 84

\$ 851 71

It also recommended that the tender of The Mining Pub. Co. for town printing for the year be accepted, as the lower tender; also that the accounts of S. Brown \$294, and Mrs. C. Hanson \$35, be returned to them as they, the committee, could not find how the Town was liable for same; also that the treasurer be instructed to issue to "bearer" cheques in payment of time cheques given by J.E. Schwartz.

The police and by-law committee beg to submit their report, recommending: That David Thompson Ferguson be appointed town treasurer at a salary of \$250 per annum, and to give guarantee bond of \$5,000;

That Allan McLennan be appointed town solicitor, at a salary of \$400 per annum, he to be responsible for all by-laws introduced, also to revise by-laws now in force when required by by-law committee, in addition to the duties of solicitor;

That Arthur Woods be appointed chief constable and first engineer of the fire brigade at a salary of \$70 per month;

That Rupert P. Donkin and Walter P. Johnson be appointed constables at a salary of \$55 per month each;

That William Greenwood be appointed caretaker of fire hall, lock-up, police office, council chamber, and office, and also special constable at a salary of \$40 per month;

That Thomas Hanson, M.D., be appointed medical health officer at a salary of \$100 per annum;

That J. E. Schwartz be appointed town engineer at a salary of \$1,000 per annum and reasonable fees for services rendered;

That Philip Austin be appointed collector and assessor for the year at a salary of \$500 per annum. His duties to include collecting of balance of taxes on roll of 1890 in addition to the taxes of present year, and he to furnish guarantee bond for \$5,000 for the faithful discharge of his duties.

We would also recommend that all officers of the corporation be notified that they hold office during the pleasure of the council only, and that a by-law be passed setting out in full the duties of the various officers;

That the salary of the chief of the fire brigade be \$100 per annum.

All of which is submitted.

A. H. EDMISTON,  
Chairman.

Jan. 22, 1900.

Moved by Hudson and Edmiston that Couns. Deacon, McQuarrie and Cameron be a committee to investigate Samuel Brown's account of extras on his contract at Normin and report on same.

Hudson - McQuarrie: That the report of the special committee to Mrs. Assinbe received and adopted, and the mayor and clerk are hereby authorized.

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# CALIFORNIA NOTES

By the Editor

The approach to El Paso from any direction is anything but entrancing. The dry desolate looking country, except in the irrigated section near the town, does not look as though a city could be even a remote possibility. On the west and south it has a shut-in appearance on account of the river bluffs and the Victoria, Sierra Huaco, Jarilla and other mountains. To the east the valley widens out for a few miles, and that constitutes the fruitful or irrigated section. The town is called El Paso, "The Pass," because it was through this gap that the early Spanish adventurers passed to Santa Fe, Cal., and all parts of the then Spanish possession, but now all embraced as United States territory. It was settled by the Spanish commander, Onate, May 4, 1598, over three centuries ago. Up to the time of the Mexican war in 1848, both sides of the river was known as El Paso. The Mexican town across the river, mostly a collection of adobe huts, is now known as Ciudad Juarez, (Wharezz), in honor of its patriot president, who was a full blood Indian, but a very able man, and a wise ruler. The town claims 22,000 people. But its business portion does not look much more extensive than Rat Portage. There are a few good modern business buildings, and two or three fair looking hotels. The suburbs of the town are mostly built of adobe, or sun dried mud bricks, and occupied by large Mexican families, which probably accounts for the large population in comparison with the size of the city. The business vitality of the town is attested by three large daily newspapers, all of which carry full press reports, and having the appearance of filling long felt wants so acceptably as to possess the air of substantial prosperity. Four railroads center there from different points of the compass, and the new El Paso & Northern, now being constructed through the rich White Oak mining region to Washburn, Tex., and Kansas City, will shorten its connection with the east several hundred miles. On the south are the rich gold and silver mines of Mexico, while on the north are rich ore deposits, all of which are tributary to the city, and attracted there by a smelter. In view of the great mineral resources tributary to El Paso, it is pretty clear that El Paso will continue to thrive and grow as the years go by. It certainly possesses attractions in the way of climate, situation and resources, that will draw wealthy and influential people as its citizens. The city is located in Texas, close to the line dividing that state from New Mexico, with the Rio Grande as the boundary between Mexico and the United States. Its altitude is 3,713 feet and seems to be a very healthy

level of the sea, to Banning, a distance of 44 miles, to 2,317 feet. But on the north side of the track San Geronio peak, popularly known as "Old Gray-back," rises to its snow topped peak to a height of 12,600 feet. The pass from the desert, San Geronio, is evidently of glacial action, showing the erasive work of ice and water. It was in this locality that Helen Hunt Jackson made the seat of her story "Ramona." As you near the pass the vegetation grows stronger. The San Jacinto mountains on the south show wooded growth to the top. The ground begins to put on the verdure of spring from a growth of alfalfa. Ranches, mostly fruit and alfalfa, line the track until Banning is reached, where we found a bustling little city, situated on the edge of the desert, and yet located in a bower of fruit of all kinds except lemons and oranges. It was a cheering relief to the tired eye to see trees and houses again after coming over so much desert waste.

After you leave Banning the country continues to improve. On every hand are seen prune, pear, peach, fig, olive, almond and English walnut groves. The whole country presents a prosperous look. Irrigation is the order, and he who has most water gets the best results.

As you approach Redlands Junction orange groves begin to appear, until at that station the groves with their dark green foliage and bright golden fruit come right down to the tracks, while as far as the vision extends is a sea of that luscious fruit. At each station a bunch of rosy cheeked, buxom looking girls stood in warehouses and car loading and loading the oranges, and tantalizing the flying passengers by munching at the golden apples with which Paris won smiles from lovely woman. At Calton, a short stop was made, and the thirsty and hungry passengers were given an opportunity of purchasing. Judge of their surprise when the cart vendors handed them baskets containing two dozen big luscious navel oranges right fresh from the tree for the paltry sum of 25c, or only a cent apiece! The writer took occasion to stuff himself for once, and like the old song says, "He has done anything since." But even in our happiness, as great as the small boy when for the first moment in possession of something dear to his heart, we thought of all the thousands of readers of THE MINER, and wished they could have had their fill of the golden fruit.

The entire country from Calton to Los Angeles is devoted to fruit culture. A number of thriving embowered towns, including Ontario, largely settled by Canadian people, and one of the most lovely towns in California, and Pomona. At San Gabriel Archangel, which was founded by Spanish priests, September 8, 1771. It still stands intact, and though its founders rest within its walls, and thousands of its Indian neophytes rest in adjacent consecrated ground, it is still devoted to its original religious use, and its quaint old chimneys still call the faithful of these modern days and of different race, to worship, and incense their altars as of yore.

The missions established a hundred or more years ago along the coast as far north as San Francisco, still exist, and in most cases mark the site of

any of figures the Chronicle concludes there is no place as safe for human life as California. But in spite of all the Chronicle says the writer knows that lightning does not set a whole country or state a-teetering as do shocks of earthquake.

The chief city of Southern California, and ranking next in size, after the metropolis, San Francisco, is Los Angeles. Its approaches are bowers of flowers, oranges and other fruits. The city itself is so grown up with ornamental and fruit trees that one cannot get a good view of the place, unless by devoting some time on foot or by carriage. The town claims 125,000 people. But its appearance so far as architectural beauty is concerned is disappointing. It is residential or business portions, it does not begin to compare favorably with St. Paul, Minneapolis, or even our Canadian Vancouver. And the same may be said of San Francisco. The buildings are not so imposing. It may be because of fear of demolition by seismic disturbances. The climate of Los Angeles, however, is superb in winter time, although it is said to be pretty hot in summer. Another thing that mars the beauty of the town is the numerous derricks of the oil mills, some of them located right in the heart of the best residential portion. These things, of course, do not strike a resident as incongruous, but they appear strongly to a stranger. The shortness of our stay in California prevented our visiting San Diego and other seaport towns, the former said to be a beautiful and thriving city of about 30,000 people.

The country, from Los Angeles to Oakland and San Francisco through the San Joaquin valley, is varied, with valley, mountain, plain, both arid and inviting, producing minerals, grain, fruit and petroleum, and the same characteristics prevail from San Francisco through the thriving and beautiful little city of San Jose, to the little city of Gilroy, possessing a romantic situation in a valley, mainly devoted to fruit culture, with mountains on either hand. The town has about 3,000 people, and is situated on what has hitherto been a branch of the Southern Pacific railroad, but which, in the course of a month, will be the main line, down the coast to Los Angeles, which will shorten the distance a hundred miles or more.

It is twenty-three years since we were here, and while the country has changed by being set out to fruit orchards, the town is about the same size. Many of the old friends we knew are still here, others are dead, while numerous strangers stare at the newly arrived visitors from Arctic Canada. The people, however, are generous and whole souled, easy to get acquainted with, as they act on introduction as though they had known you all your life, and in this particular the rule does not exclude the fair sex. They are exceedingly genial and light-hearted. Care apparently rests lightly upon their shoulders. There seems to be no caste or distinction among them because of the distribution of worldly goods. Up today, down tomorrow, it seems to make no difference which way with them.

The change in the appearance of the country, the cutting up of hay and grain ranches into small fruit farms, was brought about by the systematic booming and advertising in the east

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The road, after leaving El Paso, passes through a grazing country, a wide plain, flanked on either side at a distance of from 15 to 50 miles with mountains, rich in minerals, especially base ores, with a large percentage of copper. The largest town near by is Deming, New Mexico, its citizens being largely interested in cattle raising and mining. It possesses a general branch railroad. Beyond Deming a few miles lies the continental divide, which is a flat prairie, altitude 4,550 feet, and the range is covered with thousands of cattle. Water from wells raised to the surface by windmills, seems to be abundant. Farther on, at Separ, there is a splendid range, luxuriant grasses being seen on every hand, but there is no stock. An equerry at a little station elicits the fact that there was no water, it being necessary to go down 700 feet to obtain a supply. One man, however, near the mountains had succeeded in getting water at a depth of 250 feet, and as a consequence was on the road to affluence. Lordburg, Benson and Montezuma are the next four places according to interior mining camps. Tucson, from Benson, Arizona, going to Guaymas, on the gulf of California, which is now the seat of hostilities between the Yaqui Indians and Mexicans. One man at Lordsburg, New Mexico, is the proud owner of 44,000 head of cattle. Tucson, Ariz., is a quiet old half American, half Mexican town, with a history dating from 1533, under the Spanish Coronado. The country at that time swarmed with Indians. The old mission in the town was built in 1732 by the Indians under the guidance of Father Segner, a German priest. It is now a city of mud and impermanence, basing its wealth on mining and cattle industries.

At a distance of about 10 miles west of the station of Casa Grande are the ruins of Chichilticac, which are held by competent authority to be the most interesting prehistoric ruins on the American continent. Cabeza de Vaca is the first white man that history mentions as visiting them in 1537. The Indians at that time had no tradition as to the builders, and no finding known to our history could have built them. The foundations measure 234 1/2 feet, has an elevation of four stories, descending from below 13 1/2 feet. It was heavily timbered, and a number of these nothing remains. There they occupied wall space that had to endure the weight of those massive structures, or that at any time built. It is evident, however, that at some time in prehistoric times, the people of this region were able to build a long and powerful wall, and that the people of this region were able to build a long and powerful wall, and that the people of this region were able to build a long and powerful wall.

flows into the Pacific and the Missouri-Mississippi that ends its way into the gulf of Mexico. The fact that the Colorado is chiefly land, or mud, is responsible for the shooting of its mouth into the gulf of California, which cut off the tide water and formed an inland sea, which in time, from evaporation owing to the heat became the dry salt beds at Salton on the Colorado desert, which beds are 233 feet below the level of the sea; on in other words, the waters of the ocean at one time were 233 feet deep, there now lies the upland cars of the "Sunset Route."

The country west of Yuma, until the San Geronimo pass is reached, at the edge of the desert, through the San Jacinto mountains, is a most forbidding one. Scarcely a sprig of vegetation or a shrub appears. In some places nothing but the bare earth is seen so far as the eye can reach, and the mountains are made with that awful terrible aspect, that reminds one of the gruesome pictures drawn by Dore for Dante's Inferno. In one place by the side of the track were six graves, one bearing a cross, and one that of a child. It seemed a fearful place to live. Not a sprig of grass even was to be seen, no shrub, one thing but the bare earth which was visible as far as vision extended. The heat is terrible, sometimes reaching 130 degrees above zero in the shade, and remaining there for days. Clouds rarely are seen. Life is well nigh intolerable there and many a traveler in this hell on earth has died from heat and thirst. Indeed it is a common thing for men to perish in this sad way.

The immense salt beds are worked, and the salt is an article of extensive commerce. A large plant is located in the desert for gathering the salt. The brine comes to the surface through capillary attraction, the liquidifying water being evaporated by solar heat, leaving a comparatively pure table salt in readiness for the salt man's scraper, who scrapes it into winnows, when it is taken by travelers to the refinery near at hand.

In addition to the salt beds there are hot beds of sulphurous mud, which suggest the noxiousness of volcanic fires, and the ground is so hot in other places that adventurous men sometimes burn their boots, and one man was crippled for life in this way.

The only oasis in this desert is the station of Indio, which is 20 feet below the sea level. The railroad company discovered that water could be secured at a depth of 700 feet, and in consequence have made a bower of beauty by erecting a splendid hotel, with all sorts of tropical growth about the premises. Others have come, mostly suffering from heat and thirst, and all have succeeded in arresting or curing the ravages of their disease. Others still have gone outside of the railroad grounds on adjacent lands, put down wells, and are now the proud and happy owners of thrifty fruit and alfalfa (a sort of clover) ranches. Such wells cost money, but they bring results and health to their owners. The non-humidness of the region is the wonder of the world. Complete saturation of the air would be marked 100°. But at Palm Springs, a sanitarium on the desert, the air is almost vaporless, being marked 0° most of the time and never exceeding 13°. At such a low point, pulmonary microbes get it in the solar rays. In Palm Valley, 5 miles south of the track, are date palms and a few of human size. How long at it? The coming of the Spanish in 1537, and the Indians have no tradition as to what was the planted here.

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The missions established a hundred or more years ago along the coast as far north as San Francisco, still exist, and in most cases mark the site of prosperous modern towns. It was the rule to establish them a day's ride apart, or about 40 miles. Many of the buildings are now in ruins. The Indians, however, have mostly succumbed to the baneful influences of civilization. The avaricious white man proved too much for the trusting Indian or Mexican, and their lands were soon alienated. Some white men married the Mexican señoritas and induced them to deed their land grants, many of them comprising thousands of acres, which they sold, and then left their wives and children in want and wretchedness.

The Indians, too, were illused, and Helen Hunt Jackson, in her novel, *Romona*, told of their wrongs with a master hand. The place where *Romona's* husband, Alessandro, was killed, is pointed out as you pass on the cars in San Geronimo pass. It is located in the foothills of the San Jacinto mountains.

On Christmas day these mountains were the scene of a severe earthquake shock, which was felt all over the southern part of the state, and at San Jacinto falling adobe walls killed six squaws, while near Los Angeles a white woman died of fright and nervous prostration from the same earthquake.

The writer does not wonder that earthquakes frighten people, judging from his own experience a night or two since. While sitting in the parlor in the home of my friends, I was startled by a loud, sharp explosion, with a sudden uplifting of the house. The quake came from the southeast. It was noticed generally throughout this town of Gilroy, in San Jose county. But it was only a little one, so we were informed by our unperturbed parents, and did not count, as Rip Van Winkle would say. The other kind usually rolls the old folks out of bed, smashes crockery, and makes even the best churchman dance an involuntary hornpipe, owing to the rocking motion of the earth which is accompanied by explosive and roaring noises. They laughed at the fright of their 40-year old kid. But we didn't laugh. In fact for moment we did not know where we were at. And since then we keep wondering when the next one is coming, and we shall hear someone, facetiously inclined, pipe out: "Well wouldn't that jar you?" or "Did that one rattle your slats?" It seems, however, that you can even get used to earthquakes.

The California papers are taking exception to what the eastern press are saying of the recent earthquakes in this state. The *Chronicle*, of San Francisco, retorts by giving the United States weather report for 1890, showing that during the calendar year of 1896 in the eastern states 337 people were killed by lightning and 494 injured; 906 barns and sheds; 735 dwellings, stores and office buildings; 95 churches and schools; and 70 other buildings were struck and damaged by lightning. 964 head of cattle; 46 horses; 30 mules; 523 sheep and 113 hogs were killed by lightning during the same year; and the report does not include a statement of the consequences of cyclones, which were doubtless far more serious than the results of lightning. In view of this ar-

They are exceedingly genial and light-hearted. Care apparently rests lightly upon their shoulders. There seems to be no caste or distinction among them because of the distribution of worldly goods. Up today, down tomorrow; it seems to make no difference which with them.

The change in the appearance of the country, the cutting up of hay and grain ranches into small fruit farms, was brought about by the systematic booming and advertising in the eastern papers and magazines, setting forth in glowing terms what a 5 or 10-acre lot would bring if it was put into fruit. Most of it was tommy-rot, as many thousands of poor dupes have learned to their cost and sorrow throughout the state. To begin with there is an inadequate water supply for irrigation, or to be had from wells, which in either case is expensive. Another thing is that the fruit raiser has his nose on the grindstone all the time, with care of the orchard pruning it, gathering and marketing the crop, and between times fighting insect pests, that destroy the fruit, or gophers that make a specialty of searching out the top roots of the tree which have no need of years of toil and care to produce, and killing it for no other reason apparently than pure devilment. Another thing, and worst of all, is the rapaciousness of the railroad magnates who want all the profit but a bare pittance, which has to be divided between the grower and the shipper. The following clipping from a California paper, of recent date, gives ample proof of this condition of affairs: "Some explanation," says a Martinez paper, "why fruit growers in this section do not grow rich very rapidly may be found in the returns recently received in Martinez from a shipment of a carload of grapes from this point to Chicago. The value at Martinez of the grapes was about \$700; the freight bill, including a refrigerator car, was \$340."

It will be seen from this statement that one must not believe all one reads as to the ease with which one can make a living in California. Climate is true they possess, baring earthquakes, but one can not always live on climate. Fruit and flowers are desirable, but all cannot have them, and those who leave good homes in the east to grow either here, make a mistake.

If one is troubled with tuberculosis, a life in the deserts of New Mexico, Arizona, or Southern California will arrest the ravages of the disease and prolong life indefinitely, if that be a desideratum under the circumstances. Indeed, with the growth of fruit, the changing of the deserts into beautiful oases, and the development of the great mineral resources of those commonwealths has been done by those who came with but little hope of living but a few days or weeks. However, we will say but that for those of sound constitutions, and active mental and physical capabilities, there are better opportunities in the eastern and western states, or in the grain belts of the Northwest Territories, or in the goldfields of Ontario of the Dominion of Canada than there are in the gilded State of California.

In conclusion we will state that we shall remain here a few days longer, and then shall return to take up our work for the Ontario goldfields, as in the past, dividing our time and energies between Rat Portage and twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and we expect to return to the former place about the first of February.



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## THE DEADHEAD EVIL.

A NEW YORK THEATRICAL MANAGER  
FREES HIS MIND.

The awful amount of "Paper" There is in the Showhouses at Every Performance—Those Who Get the Free Tickets and Why.

"All managers are worked regularly, persistently and continuously for 'dead-head' tickets," said a Broadway theater proprietor, "and if a manager could cash in the amount represented by these passes he'd be willing to take it for his season's profits and say 'Thank you.' You have no idea what an awful amount of 'paper' there is in the house at every performance, even when a big hit is made and the signs, 'Free-List Absolutely Suspended' and 'Standing Room Only' are displayed.

The deadhead is always there. There's no getting rid of him. And even when seats are at a premium and the public can't find tickets at the box office this side of a week ahead Mr. Deadhead has the best seat in the house gratis, all the same. We can't get rid of him, and I don't know that we want to—at least the right sort of a deadhead. He's a necessary sort of evil, I suppose. Anyhow, he's been a regular attendant ever since theaters first started and always will be in the line as long as a box office is open for business.

First among the deadheads is the newspaper critic. The number of tickets sent out to the newspapers on the production of a new play makes a big hole in the receipts, but there is a quid pro quo, for we get notices in return—sometimes a fearful roast, to be sure. But a good many favorable notices, or anyhow a notice that was intended for a roast, but which we can twist into commendation when we come to quote a line or two from it on the billboards.

All the papers get complimentary tickets for the first night, two to each paper, sometimes more. Not only regular details, afternoon and evening, are included in the list, but some of the names of the New York papers. You would be surprised to find out how many papers there are in New York. But you can bet the manager knows them all. They'll be at the box office, never fail. Some of them—the least important, or, I should say, the unimportant ones—we stave off till the second or third night, but each of the leading papers gets two of the best seats out for the first night. The first night deadheads make a good hole in the bunch of tickets—about 60 go in this way.

But we are not through with the newspaper deadheads when we've placed 60 of the best seats in the house at their disposal. In some newspapers there are many men besides the paper's dramatic representatives who are regularly on the deadhead list. Aside from the regular tickets issued for the critic's official use, a pair are often given for some member of his family or friends. And others in the office are similarly favored. Some of them don't ask for them and won't take them, but other drum us up promptly at they don't send them.

The list is long enough, I can tell you, for the first night, but that only answers what I term the "hurry calls." The second and third nights, when if the play is a big success we can sell every seat in the house for cash, witness the presence of more deadheads, chief of which are the editors of town papers. We've staved most of them off the first night, but they're right in it on the second, third or

fourth. In the moderate days of the third Napoleon, and in the childhood of the third republic, Maitre Lockhart was the king of the French bar. He won his way by a fine combination of wit, lightheartedness and eloquence. He was hall fellow well met among the journalists, who delighted to talk him over publicly and in private. So on suspected him of scruple. He won't attack a prisoner as cheerful as he would defend him, provided his fee was paid. And he did not let his light pains to make his case known, as he did, that whether he often lost or won he himself was morally sure of adding to his reputation as a lawyer of bright things and a great orator.

An hour after hearing a client sentenced to the guillotine, or to Mazas you might have found him cracking jokes with his confreres at the Cafe du Palais, or dining en partie carree at the Maison Dorée. His powers of repartee, his epigrammatic felicity, and his happy-go-lucky, dashing, easy air frequently stood him in good stead with, from unfamiliarity with his own side of the question he happened to be arguing, he was momentarily embarrassed.

Of all French barristers of recent times he was unquestionably the most brilliant, the most ingenious and the most generally popular. But he was not the most worthy. Criticism

in volume. Bordering on our domain or 3,000 miles, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with one great line of railway, the Canadian Pacific, stretching the entire distance, being the largest continuous line of railway in existence; within ten days of Japan on the west and seven days of Europe on the east, our neighbor is attaining an importance that is worthy of our highest respect and consideration.

Bound together by the ties of geographical affinity, and by the commercial and financial interests inseparable to such proximity, it is surely seeming for these two Anglo-Saxon countries to cultivate relations mutually harmonious, endearing and in consonance with the civilized character of both. We can pass over the border without knowing scarcely whether we are in the domains of Her Majesty, the Queen, or in the United States. It is true there have been at times some slight differences of local interest arising between Canada and the United States, for instance the Lynn scandal matter at present, but these have been amicably settled to the mutual satisfaction of the parties concerned and honorably to both. Nor is it likely that there will be any occasion for trouble between these two nearest neighbors, that cannot be settled in an equitable manner.

The scope of the development of trade between these two extensive countries, lying side by side for thousands of miles, is very great. It would be impossible to attempt to calculate what this inter-trade will amount to. We have made greater strides than Canada, but Canada is now moving along the same line to populousness and prosperity, and is showing remarkable progress. Canada is highly favored under its union with Great Britain. She has all the powerful protection of the crown and it does not cost her a penny. Canada regulates her trade with Great Britain just as independently as she does with any other nation, and provides her own legislatures. She has really protection and independence co-existing. Our facilities for putting Canadian products in all markets reached by our steamship lines are excellent, and Canada avails of these advantages in no small degree. Canada is a wonderful country in minerals, in lumber, in fisheries, in stock-raising, in agriculture, in fur, and the development in the fields has scarcely begun, and the territory is as yet sparsely settled, but population is seeking its boundaries largely and the coming year must show a material increase.

As a country of natural beauty and diversity Canada may well be said to be unsurpassed, and for the hunter and tourist it is a delight. Think of 30-pound trout and deer with antlers 54 feet from tip to tip, to give some idea of Canada as a land for the hunter and fisherman. Its varieties and beauties of scenery, waterways and landscape mingled in Nature's most lavish perfection, culminating in those falls—the wonder of the world—make Canada in this respect unsurpassable, some claim unapproachable. As these two countries come to know each other better, and understand each other more and more, the ties that unite them commercially, financially, geographically, will increase in number and strength, and the most friendly relations will be established on an enduring basis between them.

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Kyle, who, owing to other business matters, resigned his position.

The Tyson owns a water site of 40 acres including within it three island locations comprising in all about 11 acres. The property is about 32 miles from Rat Portage and is thought to contain the Mikado vein from which mine it is about a half mile distant. The property has been thoroughly tested with a diamond drill and assays of the ore have been most satisfactory, proving the great extent and richness of the veins.

The following from the report of Mr. Breidenbach on the mine, which goes to show that the property will be a large paying one, is explanatory of Mr. Breidenbach's position: "If, in the statement an attempt has been made to demonstrate the underground wealth of the location, the writer has operated with figures given from facts the bare holes offered. But the writer was not only aided by bare hole results, but prominently by his experience for years in the district, by the result of mining done in the neighborhood, by the relation of the location to the surrounding ones, by the trend of the veins and their quality, he had the opportunity to become acquainted with previously. The writer is not able to warrant infallibility of every figure in the statement, but he pronounces without hesitation these figures to be within the limit of reasonable assumption and the location second to none in the district. Measurements have been taken carefully from the bore, assays have been made carefully, figures obtained thereby are real; others pertaining to the accounts on tonnage cannot possibly be anything but deductive."

The quantity of ore estimated on the prospectus of the company "in 100 feet of stopeing ground following the strike of the veins across the locations, after deducting all cost of mining and milling and making all other conservative reductions and allowances for loss in tailings and possible contraction of ore deposits, gives an estimated profit of \$80,000,000. The capital of the company is \$150,000, divided into shares of \$1 each. The mine buildings consist of a splendid two-story boarding house, shaft house, blacksmith shop, powder house, and store house. Active development is being carried on at the present time. A compressor plant and a hoist are being installed, and it is the intention of the company to continue the work of development until the shaft has reached the 240 foot level, then 500 feet of drifting will be done as rapidly as possible. It is expected and being arranged for that a stamp mill will be under way during the early summer.

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Sheriff's Sale  
—OF—  
LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the District Court of the District of Rainy River, and to me directed and delivered, a writ of Fieri Facias, bearing date the 10th day of January, 1900, and Tenements of C. A. Macdonald at the suit of D. W. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution—  
1. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest in and to, an undivided quarter interest in Mining Location (No. 10) N. 16, N. T. 18, and N. T. 18, northwest of Pigeon Lake in the District of Rainy River, being Leasehold No. 10, and known to the Land Titles Office at Rat Portage as Parcel No. 1507.  
2. All the foregoing E. R. Macdonald, et al.

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"The list is long enough," I can tell you, for the first night, but that only answers what I term the 'hurry calls.' The second and third nights, when if the play is a high success we can sell every seat in the house for cash, witness the presence of those deadheads, chief of which are the old of town players. We've staved most of them off the first night, but they're right in it on the second, third or fourth night, according to their importance. You see, we're probably going to play their cities later in the season and have to leave them in mind. The best of them have resided New York correspondents, and those gentlemen have to be carefully handled and delicately considered with a pair of tickets each. Put them down for a total of 60 tickets on the second night to start with, and percentages more later.

"And even this does not get rid of the out of town newspapermen, for papers here, there and everywhere ask for tickets, and get them, too, especially the leading papers of the smaller nearby cities, from which we draw Mr. and Mrs. Commanter and the Erie Commuters.

"This is not the end of the deadheads, as you will notice presently, but only the beginning of them. We're only down to the newspaper contingent. There are lots of others coming—the professional, for instance. Every actor or actress who is 'worthy' expects the courtesy of the box office with a request for seats—'Goodness, please.' Many of these people are good actors, but more so in.

"As a rule, professional in the audience are a most undesirable lot. Though they are guests of the house, they keep up a running criticism on the play and the players in by no means inaudible tones. They manage to let everybody in their neighborhood know that the play is 'not' or at least is 'quibbled,' the way it is played; that they refused the leading roles themselves; and that if they had shown how badly it was going to be done they would certainly have taken pity on Jim or Harry—the manager is always Jim or Harry in those conversations to show how intimate they are—they would have taken pity on Jim or Harry and helped him by accepting the engagement. Four or five professional in an audience make 20 well pleased people in the house think the play is bad before the evening is over, and 20 in the house can pretty nearly quash the show if they get a chance.

"But we are not through with the deadheads yet. I can see them coming in my mind's eye—see them coming in doors sometimes. They are the special friends of the manager, and he never knows how wide his circle of acquaintances is till he hits it off with a good play. There are others, business friends of the house, whom it won't do to refuse, and business friends' friends, right out of every one of whom are politely refused, 'as the house is sold out' (nisi). And then there are the friends of our business friends' friends, who are turned down on sight.

"Then there are the politicians, some of whom are connected with the municipal departments, that might give trouble through the building, police, fire or other department laws, that they might twist into a weapon for personal use, and who have to be considered and provided for. They get a lot of free seats in the course of a year.

"It's a pity, perhaps, you think, that we don't wipe out the whole roster and sell our goods for cash, but it is the mercy of the gods that we don't. It is an evil that we have to live with, and it is a pity that we have to live with it.

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## CANADA AND THE U. S.

The Two Countries Have Nothing of Each Other, and There Should be the Friendliest of Feelings.

Few of our people realize the extent, resources and development of our neighbor—our nearest neighbor, we may say—Canada, lying right at our doors—its metropolis, Montreal, within twelve hours by rail of our Greater New York. Nor is it known generally that Canada in area slightly exceeds in extent the whole of the United States. Then the extent of the trade between Canada and the United States is greater than between Canada and Great Britain and steadily increasing.

falls—the wonder of the world—make Canada in this respect unsurpassable, some claim unapproachable. As these two countries come to know each other better, and understand each other more and more, the ties that unite them commercially, financially, geographically, will increase in number and strength, and the most friendly relations will be established on an enduring basis between them.

Canada has need for us, and we have need for Canada. Her interests will be promoted by intercourse with us, and our interests will be likewise fostered by dealing with her. Interchange of products is already large between us, some \$150,000,000 a year, and this is bound to increase. Montreal, beautiful and historic, with its quarter of a million of inhabitants, half English, half French—half ancient, half modern—rising from the broad St. Lawrence to the slopes of Mount Royal, greets cordially our own great metropolis and gladly is the welcome wafted back. There is no telling what the vicissitudes of the future may be as to Canada and the United States, but the present time is surely bringing them closer and closer together in commercial and financial relations, and inspiring the citizens of the two countries with a higher regard for each other.—New York Stock Holder.

## Tycoon Mining Co.

The adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of the Tycoon Mining & Development Co. of Ontario, Limited, was held at the head office of the company at Rat Portage on Jan. 4, 1900. The directors for the ensuing year are: James Connors, M. P. P., president; G. A. Kobold, vice-president; A. Carmichael, treasurer; John Emmons, W. J. Moran and Geo. Swanson. Mr. Ed. Coolidge was elected secretary pro tem in place of Mr.

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Do not take anything that does not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." It is an experiment and a hazardous one to take a substitute. Sold by all druggists or post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville.



## LEASEHOLD LANDS.

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I have seized and taken into execution—  
1. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, an undivided eighth part interest in Mining Location (leasehold) No. 13, N.T. 17, and S.E. 18, northwest of Pinecroft Lake in the District of Rainy River, being Leasehold No. 1976, and known in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage as Parcel No. 1307.

2. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, an undivided eighth part interest in Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 161, containing 40 acres, Parcel No. 1685, and known as Parcel No. 1533 in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage in the District of Rainy River.

3. The interest in Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 161, containing 40 acres, Parcel No. 1685, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, aforesaid.

4. His interest in Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 161, containing 40 acres, and known as Parcel No. 1685, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

All of which I shall offer for sale at my office at the Court House, at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, on Saturday, 25th November, 1899, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the time fixed by the said writ, for the sale of the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, the aforementioned leaseholds, being Mining Lots N.T. 16, 17, 18; H.P. 167, 161 and 163.

Sheriff's Office, Rat Portage, 1st November, 1899.

Sheriff, District of Rainy River.

This Sale is Postponed to Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at the same time and place.

## Sheriff's Sale

—OF—

## LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the High Court of Justice, and to me directed and delivered against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of H. Morrah, at the suit of W. D. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution—  
1. All the said defendant, D. Morrah's, right, title and interest, in and to, Mining Location (leasehold) one-third interest of J. O. A. known as leasehold Parcel 125, subject to the right of one E. C. Cline under an agreement filed as a caveat against the property in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage in the District of Rainy River.

2. A three-eighths interest in Mining Location (leasehold) A. 131, east of Bad Vermilion Lake, known as leasehold Parcel 183, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T. H. Milnour, registered by way of caveat, in March, 1896, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

3. His one-quarter interest in Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 61, known as leasehold Parcel 237, subject to an agreement made with one A. E. Cline, registered in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

4. His one-third interest in Mining Location (leasehold) F.F. 18, containing 50 acres, and Mining Location F.F. 19, containing 40 acres, situated near Portage, on Lake, being leasehold Parcel 145, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

5. His one-third interest in Mining Location (leasehold) D. 26, containing 48 acres, and Mining Location G. 217, containing 40 acres, and Mining Location G. 218, containing 34 acres, being known as leasehold 106, 107, and 108, respectively, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

6. Also the said D. Morrah's estate, right, title and interest, in and to, Mining Location (leasehold) H.P. 161, known as leasehold Parcel 1685, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, aforesaid.

All of which, being the said defendant, D. Morrah's estate, right, title and interest, in and to the said leaseholds and known as parcels 125, 183, 237, 106, 107, and 108, respectively, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River.

I shall offer for sale at Public Auction at my office at the Court House, in the Town of Rat Portage, in the District aforesaid, on Saturday, the 25th day of November, 1899, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Sheriff's Office, Rat Portage, 1st October, 1899.

Sheriff, District of Rainy River.

This Sale is Postponed to Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at the same time and place.

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RAT PORTAGE, ONT. JAN. 26 1900.

## PAY, PAY, PAY.

Subscriptions will be received by the Bank of Ottawa here for the relief of the widows, orphans or dependants of the members of the Canadian contingents who may lose their lives or be disabled while serving their country in South Africa. The Imperial Bank here has collected \$63.50 for the Red Cross Society. This is not a large sum, but we believe the new appeal will meet with more hearty support, and that the people of Rat Portage will not be behind the other towns of Canada in showing their loyalty in a tangible shape. Many of the volunteers who have gone to South Africa had friends dependent upon them for support, and it is only right that they should be looked after by the people of Canada.

In many of the eastern towns of Canada large sums of money have been raised by means of patriotic concerts, those taking part giving their services free. We believe a first class entertainment could easily be arranged in Rat Portage by local talent. The enthusiasm evoked by such an entertainment would be the means of loosening the purse strings of many who have not thought of their duty in this regard. Will somebody take the initiative?

## A GRACEFUL ACT.

The council performed a graceful act Monday night in passing a resolution recognizing the services rendered by Mr. J. K. Brydon during the thirteen years of his occupancy of the town clerkship. The circumstances of his retirement from the office and the consequent ill feeling makes this resolution more timely, and shows that no matter what differences of opinion there may have been yet the representatives of the people are not without gratitude for the services rendered by an old servant in the days when the town was not as progressive as it is at present.

## THE WESTERN BOYS.

Being Splendidly Entertained at Kingston—Another Interesting Letter.

Kingston, Jan. 20, 1900.

down. An intermission of 15 minutes, during which luncheon was served by Mrs. Warren and her staff. After lunch cigars were served, and of course, seeing that we are on our way to the Poor Larder, we do not neglect to wet the dinner maul on an occasion of this character. After refreshments our company was pleasantly reinforced by the arrival of Quartermaster Sergt. Bramah, who has four brothers now fighting, and he is now waiting patiently for the order to move. The boys immediately formed a circle and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The quartermaster replied by expressing his best wishes to our boys and the whole of C Battery, and was sure that when the time came for the bugle to sound "fire" that our boys would not forget the motto they have been living up to since their arrival here, namely, "What we do we do well." Your Heart Boat, "The Tumbler," "Does a Song by Whistle to Me," the "Lancers" were then advanced under the supervision of Sergt. Kelly; a song by McQuarrie and Mathias, "On the Banks of the Wabigoon," an exhibition of frog dancing, by H. Cobb, caused roars of laughter; a song and chorus, original, by Q. M. S. Bramah, "Well Hung Paul Kruger With the Drag Ropes of Our Guns." As it was getting rather late here it was resolved to move a vote of thanks to our host and hostess for their kindness to us, which was done by our sergeant in his usual eloquent style. The boys then sang our war cry, when Mr. Bramah made a neat little speech in reference to the merits of the boys, complimenting them on their soldierly appearance, and also for the ready manner in which they report for duty. He concluded by asking all to join him in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. Warren then advanced and gave a short well worded address and advice to our boys who were soon leaving to fight for liberty and freedom such as we enjoy in this fair Dominion of ours. We landed in Kingston in 1892 on New Year's day, from Manchester, Eng., and a good many changes had taken place since then. But a more loyal outburst of patriotism he had not witnessed than that now afforded him. Cheers were given for the host and hostess, Queen, Canada, Roberts, Buller, White, C Battery, and Winnipeg, after which all joined in singing a verse of "The Maple Leaf," and "God Save the Queen," which closed a very pleasing and interesting entertainment. The accompanists on the piano during the evening were: Gunners Hughes, Hodgins, Lavelle and Turvey. Our boys feel that they are being used almost too well by a whom we get acquainted with.

Captain Ducharme can feel assured that the Winnipeg boys will do nothing to bring discredit on the town that treated them so loyally, and we will always bear in mind that a gentleman can be a soldier.

At present writing we do not expect to leave here till Feb. 1 or perhaps later.

GUSHER HODGINS.

## CROWN POINT MINE.

The Five-Stamp Mill Commenced Running This Week.

Mr. D. A. Pender returned this morning from a couple of days visit to the Crown Point mine. He states that Mr. Ahn has been pushing work very vigorously, and that the new 5-stamp mill commenced running.

# THE TOWN COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 1)

orized to issue warrants for amount recommended, \$14.

Deacon—Edmison—That the report of the fire, water and light committee be amended to read Six electric bells, in place of two, as written.

Deacon—Edmison—That the report of the fire, water and light committee be received and adopted as amended, and the mayor and clerk be authorized to issue warrants in favor of the account recommended for payment thereon; also that the clerk be authorized to order various articles recommended therein.

Rice—Deacon—That the report of the finance committee be received and adopted and the mayor and clerk be authorized to issue warrants for payment of the several accounts recommended; also that the clerk carry out the recommendations of the committee in other matters contained in the report.

On motion of Couns. Edmison and Deacon, Collector Austin was authorized to proceed with the collecting of taxes outstanding on the collector's roll of 1899, and to return said roll on or before March 1, 1900.

Moved by Couns. Edmison, seconded by J. E. Rice. That, whereas Mr. John Kerr Brydon held the position of clerk, first for the municipality, and afterwards for the town of Rat Portage, from its commencement until the present, when it is almost a city, a period of 13 years, this council takes the opportunity of giving a vote of thanks to the said John Kerr Brydon, and wishing him increased prosperity in his retirement to private life, and that the clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution, with the seal of the corporation attached, to Mr. Brydon.

Edmison—Deacon—That the report of the police and by-law committee be received and adopted, and the clerk notify the various officers of the terms and conditions under which they engage.

Deacon—McQuarrie—That Councilors Cameron, Hudson and Rice be a committee to go into the question of the account of the Rat Portage Brick Co., and report at the next regular meeting of the council.

Edmison—Rice—That the board of health be constituted as follows for the year 1900: Members ex officio, Mayor McCarthy and Councillor Edmison; for three years—L. A. McLean, J. Werner; for two years—John W. Humble, A. H. Horn; for one year—John Kay, Donald Rose; and that the clerk notify them of their appointments.

Coun. Hudson gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he will bring in a motion to amend by-law No. 23.

McQuarrie—Hudson That Donald Rose be appointed auditor at a salary of \$50 in place of D. A. Pender, resigned.

By-law to repeal by-law No. 230 received its first, second and third readings, and was finally passed.

## To Make Mining Machinery.

The Toronto World of Jan. 21 says: that articles of agreement were signed for the erection of a building at Toronto Junction in which it is proposed to turn out mining machinery and stamp mills.

Rich Morrison.

run from time to time as the ore becomes filled from development work. The mine is in a most excellent condition and all work done is for the purpose of opening up ore reserves. No stopping is being done at all.

The tailors' hockey team would like to do battle with the typos or tinners at any old time, so they say. We think the typos can handle the snik pretty well, and will doubtless not allow that bluff to go unchecked.

Mr. John Doran, of Montreal, was in town last week.

Mrs. John Beaudro and children arrived home from their visit to the parents of the former in Fort William.

Captain Neville Harbottle left for Mine Centre Monday night.

The board of trade delegation M. Kyle, John Gardiner, Captain Lewis and W. Margach, left Sunday morning for Toronto and Ottawa. They expect to do much good for the district.

Mr. Woodley, of Winnipeg, is visiting his brother, Mr. Harry Woodley.

## THE PAGE'S DIFFICULTY.

He Told His Troubles Right Out at the Wedding.

A good story comes from Atlanta, but the incident happened several seasons ago. The occasion was a swell church wedding. The edifice had been gloriously decorated. The bride, surrounded by a company of pages, flower girls and maids of honor, was slowly passing down the aisle, while the prospective bridegroom and his best man and the officiating clergyman were taking their places. The church organ was pealing forth the sounds as of joyous wedding bells. Fashionable people dressed for the occasion occupied the seats of the handsome church. It so happened that one of the pages had in the rush of business preparatory to dressing for the occasion been turned over to the care of a nurse. As he proceeded down the main aisle of the church in company with the other youngsters, who in white satin suits were doing the honors of each respective household, he suddenly espied his mother seated in one of the pews.

At this point the organist began playing softly as the wedding party passed to the altar. Then, above the gentle strains of music clear as a bird could be heard the voice of the aforesaid small boy.

"Mamma," he shrilly cried, "nurse put on my panties wrong side before and I can't hardly walk."

Of course the horrified mamma could do nothing but blush scarlet, but lifted a prayer that the young scion would keep still from that time on. And he did and received a hearty kiss from the bride at the close of the ceremony. This is a true story and can be vouched for by those who attended the wedding.—Galesburg (Ga.) Mail.

## Notice of Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the second annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Miner Publishing Company of Rat Portage, Limited, will be held

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### RAT PORTAGE WINS.

Home Team Defeats Victorias 7 to 3 in a  
Hard Fought Game.

Rat Portage people on Wednesday night enjoyed a treat in seeing a fast clean game of hockey between the local team and the intermediate Victorias of Winnipeg. The team which played against the Victorias had never played together before, and they certainly conducted themselves creditably. It would seem that there has been some mistake made heretofore in selecting a team to defend the prestige of our town on the ice, as we can't imagine a better combination than the boys dished out to the Vics. The game was hotly contested from start to finish, and though the Vics met their "niceloo" they made it extremely interesting and highly doubtful as to the final outcome. Wherever the Winnipeg boys would go on the ice they would meet a delegation of our boys to dispute the ownership of the puck. The Vics had decided the advantage in weight, but the Thistles did not wait for that, they jumped right in and played the elusive aggressively. In the mix-ups of which there were very few, the advantage, if any, was with the lighter men. Up to the middle of the second half it was a hardy game, but the Vics seemed to lose their wind from that time. The line-up of the teams was as follows:

#### RAT PORTAGE

Winnipeg	Goal... F. Dulmage
Munton	Point... S. Johnson
Forwards	Center... T. Bellefleur
Defence	Left... Phillips
Defence	Right... Martin
Defence	Left... Hillard
Defence	Right... Hooper

team work. In the game the play was very effective with the exception of combination play which was rather weak at times. The players would shoot across and there was no one to take it. The latter thing occurred seldom, however. The playing of the Winnipeg aggregation was fast and furious, and although the score does not show up so heavy on their part, there were a great many narrow escapes from scoring by the active work of Dulmage, Johnson and Bellefleur.

#### How About the Prizors?

Seeing that the Clerks and Druggists are on the ice again, and the Tailors also, what about the Priors? One of the Miner staff was consulted by one of the Tailors, and asked to accept a challenge, but as the priors have not been organized yet, the matter was left for further consideration. How about it Bro. "Newsy"?

The Mercantile League hockey matches are again in the fore. The first of the season was to have been partaken of by the Pills and Sellers, but the drug store backed out at the last minute. The clerks say that the druggists will not be able to pound them into bits without the use of a mortar and pestle, and of course they are barred from using such instruments in the game. The counter jumpers will be active, but the drugs should do well in a mix up.

The Central House Phoenix Hockey Team hereby challenge any team made up of boarders from any hotel in town to a match at the Victoria skating rink at an early date. Bob Davis, manager.

### CURLING IS "IT"

Great Interest in Local Circle and Keen Competition.

Those gentlemen who spend so much time at the curling rink, throwing granite tackettes down the ice and sweeping the ice for a good kettle way are certainly very enthusiastic over the game and seem to be making great progress. The big contest now on is the Inter-rink competition. Three games a night are being played. There are 17 rinks and about 60 games have been played so far, and there remain about 175 to be played. The ice has been fine and gives promise of continuing so.

The present standings in this game, with the wins first, are as follows: Hudson 5-0, Neads 2-2, Langford 1-3, Drewry 1-1, W.G. Cameron 2-2, Carmichael 1-3, Kennedy 2-2, Sterling 1-2, Clark 3-1, Gaudaur 2-2, Weir 3-1, Campbell 2-2, Kyle 1-3, Boudro 1-1, Smith 3-1, Burton 3-2, Chapple 0-3. The rinks are playing on the schedule system this winter, so far only one game has gone by default in case of non-appearance, so it will be seen that the members are most loyal to the game and club. At present there are over 70 active members enrolled with the club. The other competitions that will take up the attention of the curlers this winter are those of the patroness and patron, and the Smith-Fischel, Lord Roseberry. The Neads draw for first-year curlers has 18 entries and will be played single. This will begin at once and be played during hours when no other game is on.

if they warm up to the game they may demonstrate that their temperature is just as high as that appertaining to others. Here's hoping that they'll be the hottest babies on the ice!

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W. C. T. U. Notes.

Francis E. Willard Thankoffering day, Feb. 17.

The Local Union will hold a parlor social on the evening of Feb. 17, being the anniversary of Miss Willard's death.

"Cigarette Smoking Among Girls" was on the program at the last W. C. T. U. monthly meeting. This habit is on the increase, and it is affirmed that it has already reached Rat Portage. Rice paper is supposed to be used for cigarette wrappers, but this is expensive and a cheap substitute can be made by bleaching a very common grade of paper with lime and then treating it with a preparation of arsenic and lead which are most deadly in their effects, especially on the young.

The Home Department held a very successful and interesting meeting on Monday, Jan. 15. Kindergarten work and physical culture were ably and instructively handled by Mrs. Aylesworth who is so well qualified to speak on these subjects. Following the reading of her paper a free and easy discussion took place which resulted in the meeting unanimously appointing a committee of four ladies to wait upon the school board re establishing a kindergarten department in the public schools. Kindergarten training for a child is not a luxury; it is a necessity, if we would have the future race well developed mentally and physically.

The selection of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener as the military leaders in South Africa ought to reinforce also the world-wide forces against intemperance. Lord Kitchener led a totalitary army to victory in the Sudan where he established prohibition. Their only superior officer, Lord Wolseley, also encourages temperance amongst soldiers. When the N.W.M. Rifles were passing through Rat Portage, some were observed entering an adjoining public house, and a sweet Scotch voice was heard to remark, "It seems they can't go far without the drink."

Jan McLaughlin has just written, "When I read the Beer commands were sent off to the war with religious service, I did not laugh. It is better that men should go forth to their death filled with prayers, than with strong drink; better they should go from a place of worship than be gathered from public houses." Pity the soldier of the Queen "lest he forget" the God of Battles, who would flip-pantly exchange his Testament for a

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WANTED—General Servant wanted at once. Apply to Mrs. T. H. Gilmour, next door to St. Alban's church.

WANTED—One hundred cords of wood hauled from the bush to the Scovill and Clougher blocks, distance three and one-half miles. C. W. Chadwick.

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Her little heart is like an inn  
Where only transient guests may stay.  
—Harper's Bazar.

A MATTER OF ENVIRONMENT.

She Thought Her Sitter Was a  
More Dancing Man—After-  
ward She Changed Her  
Mind.

BY W. R. ROSE

When Roger Hendricks suggested to his only daughter that she might find it pleasant to accompany him on a journey across the continent she eagerly agreed with him. When he added that she would have to rough it for a week or more she was delighted.

"I must stop at our new Midas mines in Nevada, and there'll be a wagon ride of 25 miles from the railway and no telling what rude accommodations after we get there."

"Don't say another word, daddy," she cried. "I'm just trying to get away from all these commonplace luxuries; I want a change. I'm sick of the effete east. I want to lose myself somewhere beyond the odor of factory smoke and the glare of electric lights."

"You'll be glad to welcome both," said Roger Hendricks a little grimly, "when you find yourself where there isn't the slightest tint of smoke on the distant horizon and where your electric light is an evil smelling lamp or a sputtering tallow candle."

"Trust me," laughed Grace. "You'll find my romantic views have a very practical background. And we are to visit the mines, are we?"

"Yes," replied Roger. "The new Midas. I want to look them over myself. They are the coming wonders of the mining field and I'm anxious to see just what shape they are in. By the way," and he looked at her narrowly, "an old friend of yours is our assistant superintendent at the mines."

"A friend of mine? Who?"

"Robert Conklin."

"Robert? I knew he was going away, but had no idea where. It's certainly a strange environment for the prince of the german. Daddy, I want to tell you something. Robert asked me to be his wife just before he went away."

"Did he? Well, there are worse young men than Robert."

"Are there, daddy? I thought they were all monotonously alike, the same clean shaven faces, the same dress suits and white ties and patent leathers and haggard drinks and luscious small talk. Robert was a charming fellow—of the conventional type—and he had beautiful white hands and a lovely complexion."

"Glad to welcome you to the mines, Miss Grace," he said in an easy manner, with no trace of self-consciousness. And what astonished them most of all was that he made no excuses for his decidedly unconventional garb.

"Hold on," cried the capitalist as they walked toward the superintendent's cottage. "Are you Robert?"

"That's what the Chinese cook calls me," laughed the young man, "and I believe the rest of the camp has adopted the title. We all have our nicknames out here, you know. But this is the superintendent's cottage. Miss Grace will take my room, and you, sir, will take Mr. Ingersoll's. The Chinese servants will serve your meals here."

"And will you not join us?" asked Grace in her sweetest manner.

"I should be pleased to," he answered simply and turned away to talk with her father.

Robert came to supper and the only changes he had made in his toilet were the removal of his slouch hat and the addition of a rough sack coat. But he was nowise embarrassed. He certainly talked well, and Grace saw that her father was greatly taken with him.

Robert went away early, knowing they were tired and presumably sleepy. As the sound of his footsteps died on the gravel walk the capitalist turned to his daughter.

"Seems a little different, doesn't he?" he asked.

"Different from what, daddy?"

"Why, from the whole tiresome lot of conventional young men."

"He does," said Grace lightly.

"There was a pause."

"Are't you just a little sorry now you refused him?" chuckled the old man.

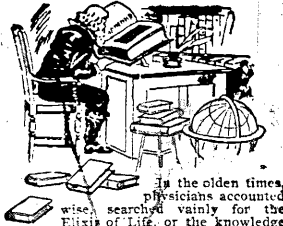
"This isn't the man I refused," said Grace softly.

The ten days of their stay passed rapidly. Thanks to the preparations made by Robert for their coming the roughness of camp life was greatly softened. He had worked like a Trojan to make them comfortable. He had actually brought water in silver pipes from a spring in the mountain side and fitted up a rude but very serviceable bathtub in the cottage for the use of Grace. In fact, she heard of his energy and industry on every hand. And she noticed, too, that her father leaned upon him more and more.

Once she took her parent to task a little for absorbing so much of Robert's leisure time.

"The boy is full of business," said her father shortly. "He's carrying a big load here, and there's no shifting it till Ingersoll comes back. I've been doing what I can to lighten it a little."

Whenever she saw Robert he was in his rough and ready mining garb—stark, sunburnt, shaggy. He never alluded to his clothes, and Grace came to believe that he never thought of them. He was always at ease in her presence, and yet, strange to say, paid her no compliments, a fact which seemed all the more remarkable when she glanced in her little mirror and saw



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Mrs. Langtry is said to have abandoned the project of writing an account of her life.

Richard Harding Davis is said to be writing a play, which Daniel Frohman will produce if he decides it will do.

Marion Longfellow, a grandniece of the poet, has gone on the stage in Boston, playing a part in the farce "Three Little Lambs."

London music hall players have taken advantage of the British-Bier war to introduce into their sketches nearly every variety of "patriotic" song.

Bertha's Tree is understood to have been most fortunate in his revival of "King John" in London. It is said the play will run the balance of the season.

The Earl of Yarmouth, who will be known to the stage under his simpler name, Eric Hope, is already on a tour with the Frohman company, playing "Make Way for the Ladies."

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Mr. Carpenter, choir leader of St. Alban's church, is arranging for a sacred concert to be given shortly. Practice is now going on, and it is expected that the choir will be a rare musical treat under Mr. Carpenter's able leadership. The Presbyterian choir will assist.

Winnipeg Telegram: Mayor McCarthy, of Rat Portage, came in on the east train Wednesday and will be here for a day or two. His visit is for the purpose of getting light on some of the bylaws of this city. He is a strong advocate of municipal ownership of franchises and discussed this and other problems with several of the local aldermen.

Last week Chief Nicholson, of the fire department, and First Lieutenant Horswill gave an at home to the members of the fire brigade. After partaking of a nice lunch the boys spent the evening in making speeches, recitations and singing songs. A most enjoyable evening was spent. This is the first entertainment of a series that will be held occasionally to promote good feeling among the members of the fire brigade, and make them better acquainted so that they can work better together.

The lecture given in the Methodist church Tuesday evening by Mr. Henry Langford was well attended. The speaker's subject was "The Conflict in South Africa." He gave an account of the settlement of the Dutch in South Africa, and how the British first recognized the necessity of the Cape of Good Hope as a point of call on the way to India. He outlined the movement of the Cape Dutch to Natal and the Transvaal, and the characteristics of these people, whom he described as thrifty, brave and religious. Their many struggles with the native races kept them always alert, with a rifle as their constant companion. Mr. Langford dwelt upon the grievances of the Uitlanders and the events leading up to the present struggle. The lecture was instructive, interesting and patriotic and the oration very eloquent.

### You are Talked About

A. F. Mills, of Toronto, was in town this week.

Nurse Fahey, who has been nursing W. H. Scott the past seven weeks, returned to Winnipeg.

Wm. McBride, manager N. A. Life Winnipeg, and well known here, left for an extensive European tour with his family.

W. P. Donnelly, of Port Arthur, is spending a few days in town.

J. R. McNabb leaves for Toronto in a few days to attend the annual meeting of Grand Lodge A.O.U.W.

Father Thibodeau has gone into Winnipeg.

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R. P. Laurie, of Keewatin, conducted the afternoon services in the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon.

### THE NEWS FROM KEEWATIN.

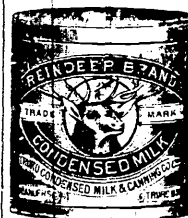
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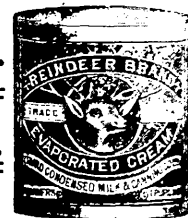
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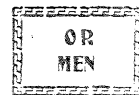
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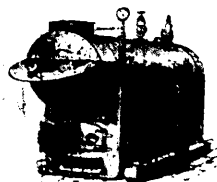
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Capt. Z. J. S. Williams has gone out to report on some mining locations in the Shovel lake district.

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